



# CFOSAT: possible contribution of the Sea State Dedicated mission to CCI project



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# CFOSAT ready to serve climate purposes



Cf Daniele Hauser Keynote you are probably convinced that CFOSAT:

- Is a great mission 😊
- Has finished its 1st validation step

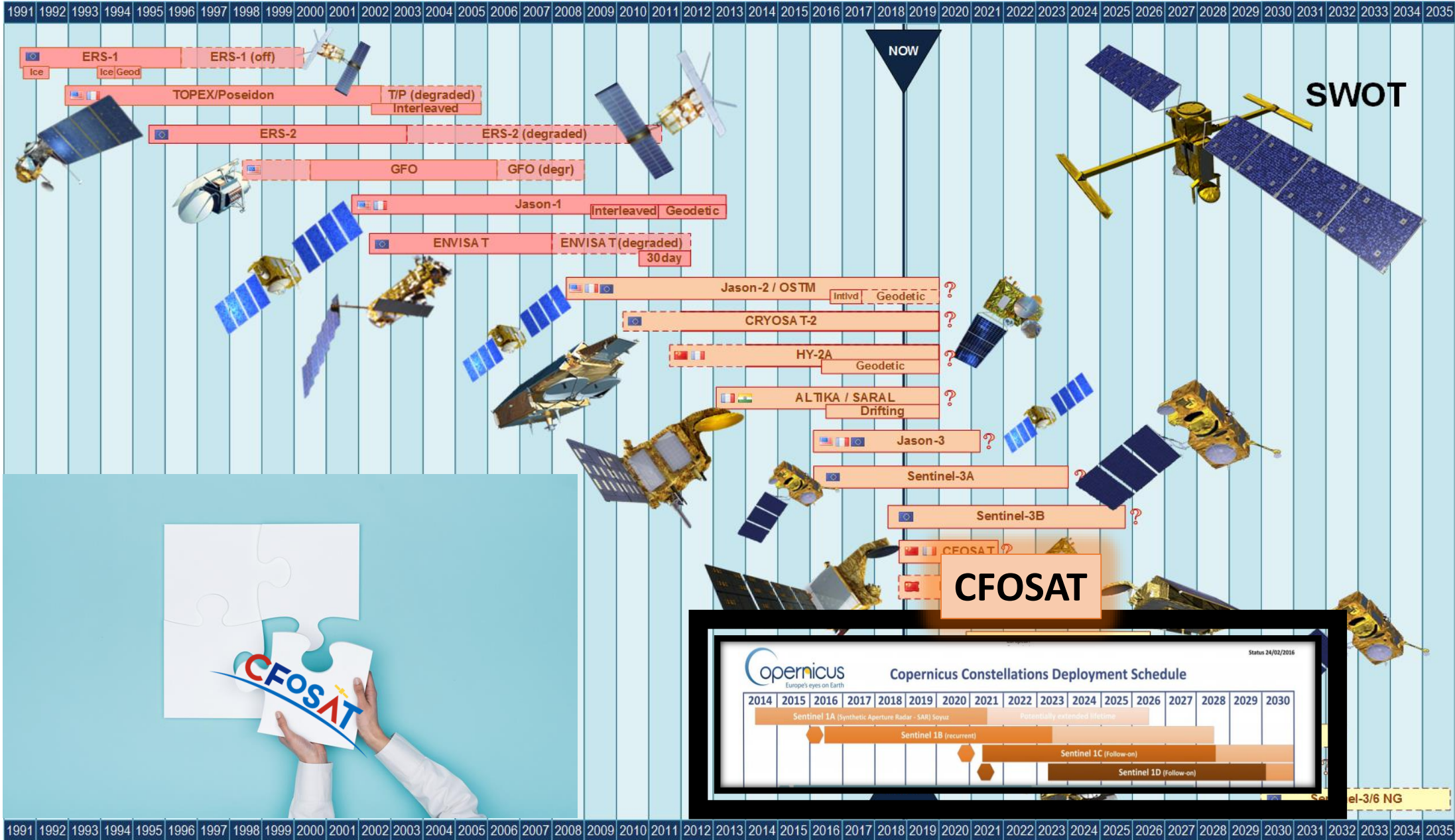
The ST Meeting held last week concludes that:

- CFOSAT data analysis is already entered into the era of scientific exploitation
- It needs to be more widely promoted towards end users

Aim of this presentation is to present the most direct and convenient way for the CCI project to take advantage of the valuable work performed by the teams upstream.

It aims at opening a dialogue between users needs and the CFOSAT project to answer them thanks to:

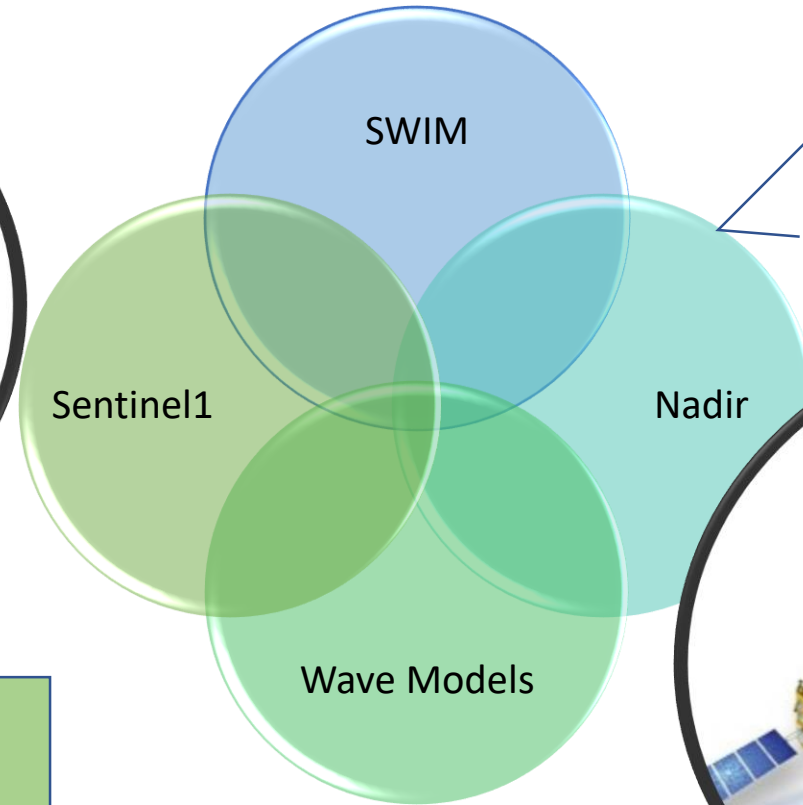
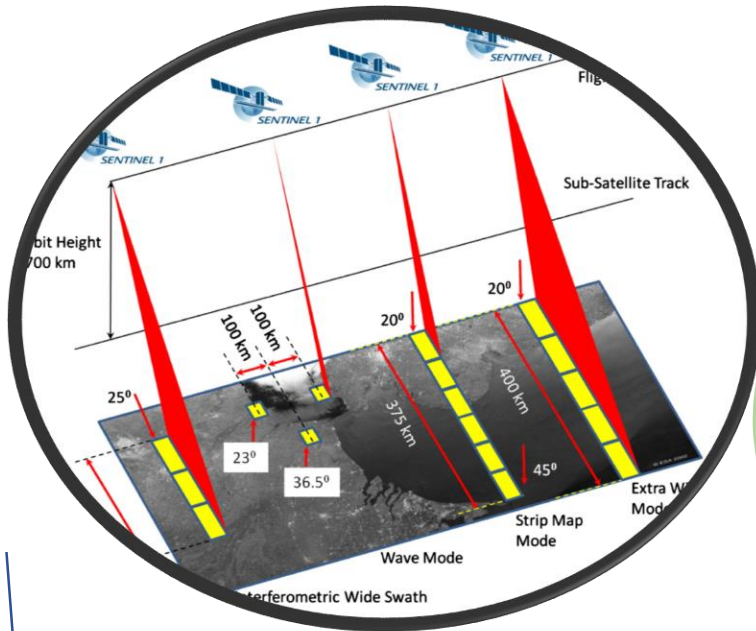
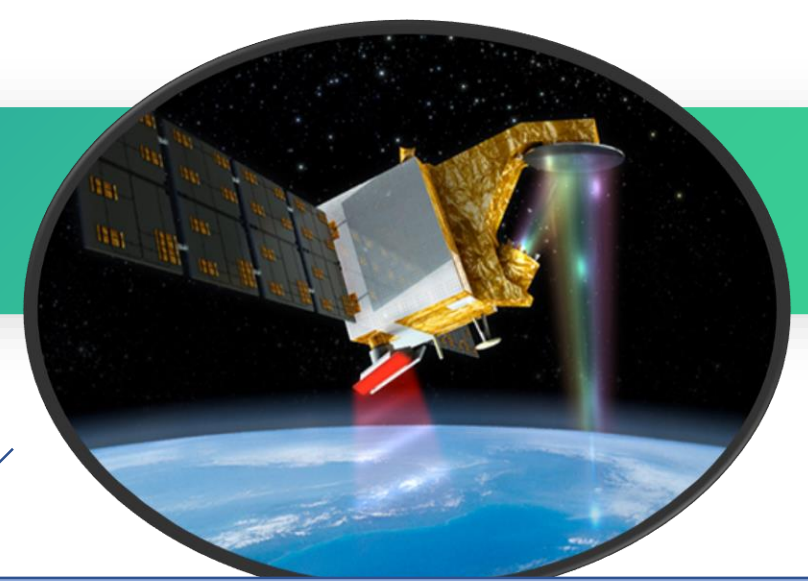
- Upstream valuable studies and potential adaptation to Climate needs
- Strategy of application dedicated products
  - For nadir products
  - For off nadir products



CFOSAT is of great interest for Sea State Climate purpose. Double technique nadir and off nadir

Could enable to joint both historical data series and constellations: Nadir and Sentinel1

# CFOSAT: Joining the 2 historical climat series?



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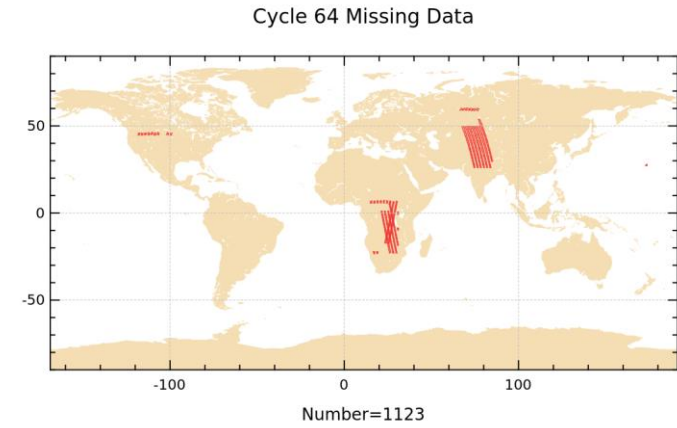
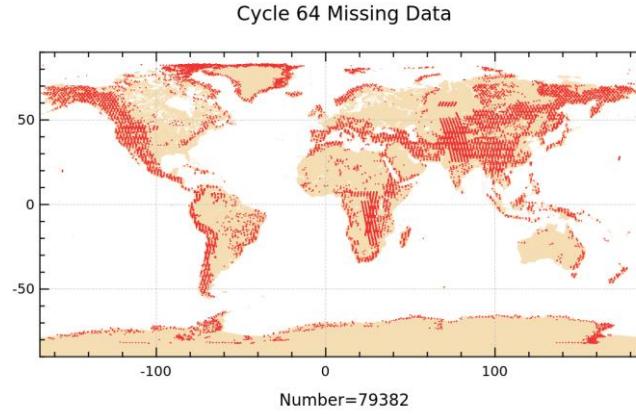
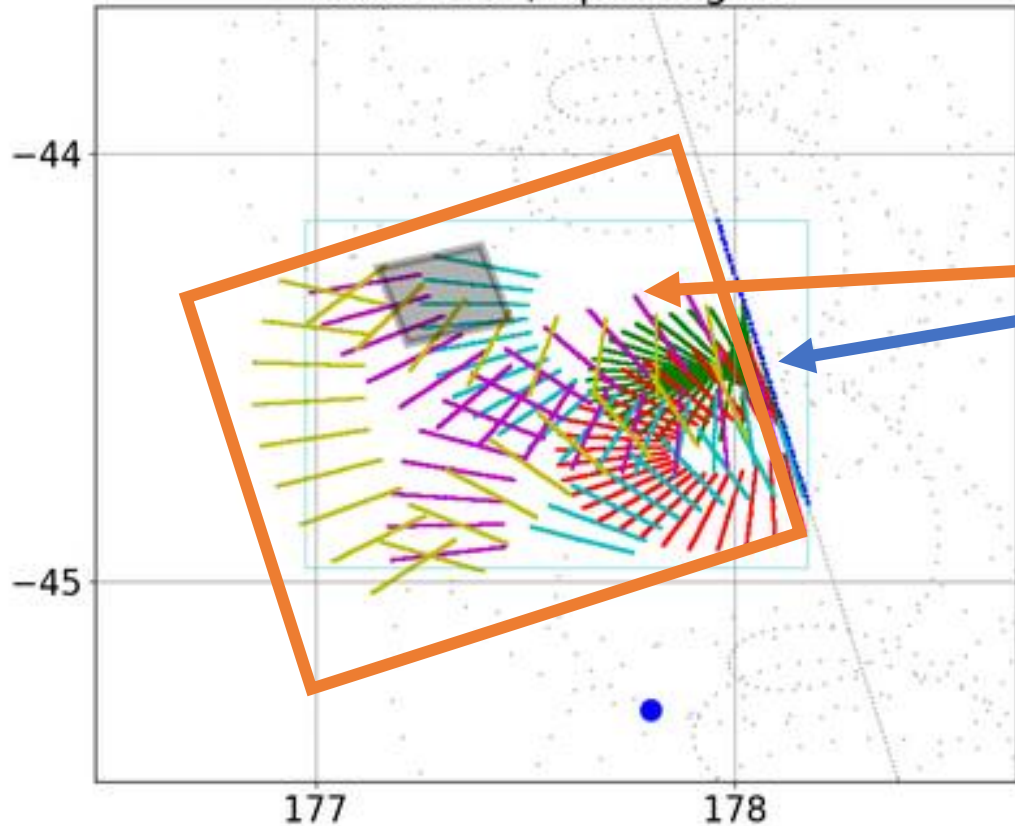
- Synthetic Calval Reports:  
<https://www.aviso.altimetry.fr/fr/data/calval/systematic-calval/bilans-de-validation-calval/swim-cfosat.html>
- Off lines diagnosis including L2S products  
<http://oceanwavesremotesensing.ifremer.fr/cfosat/>

Systematic monitoring via MPC-S1 diagnosis:  
<http://oceanwavesremotesensing.ifremer.fr/s1b/partitions-202102.html>



# Very good Coverage

Trace Selected Box CFOSAT / Sentinel1  
Box : 291 , nposneg : 1

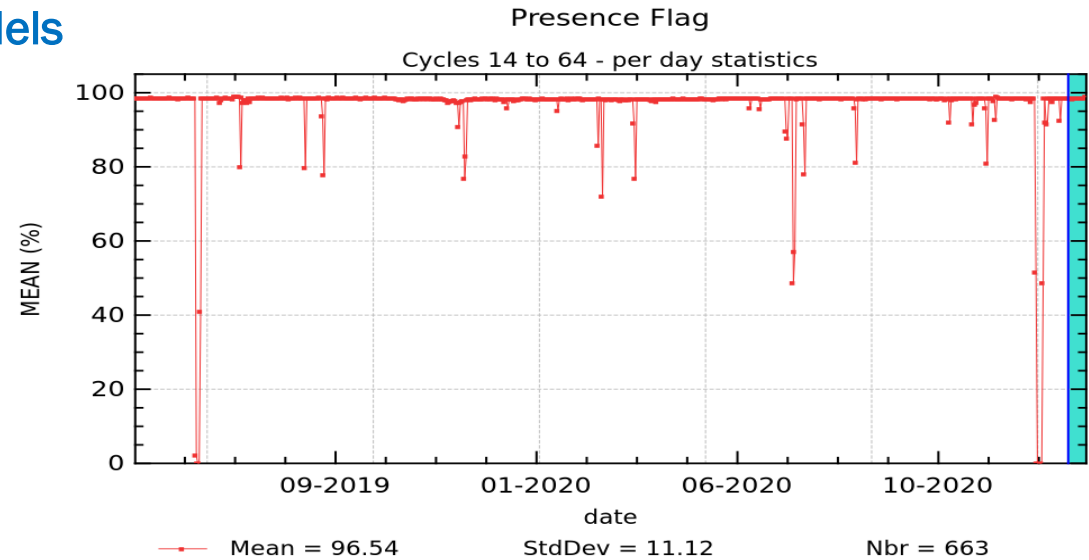


Very good coverage > 96% up to Latitude 83°

Permanent comparison possible between:

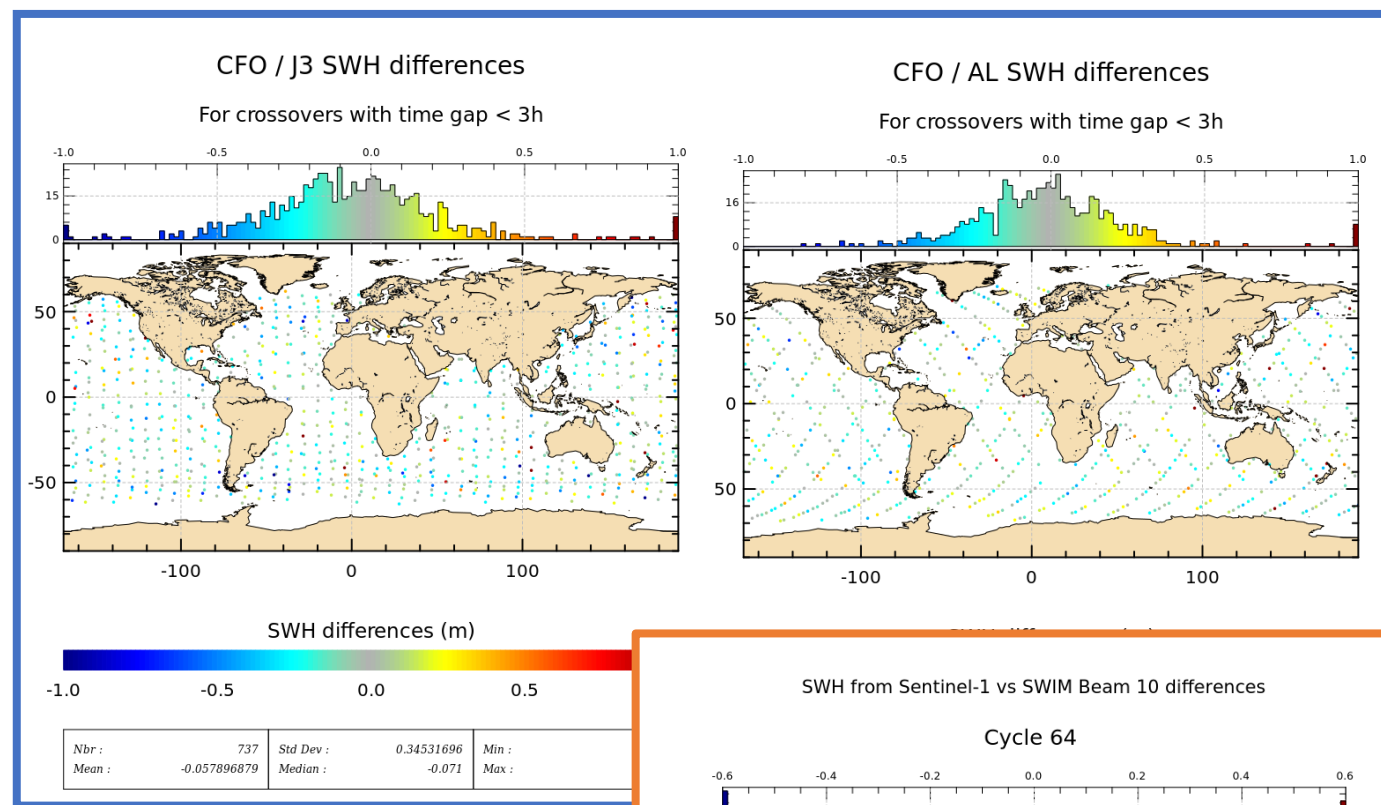
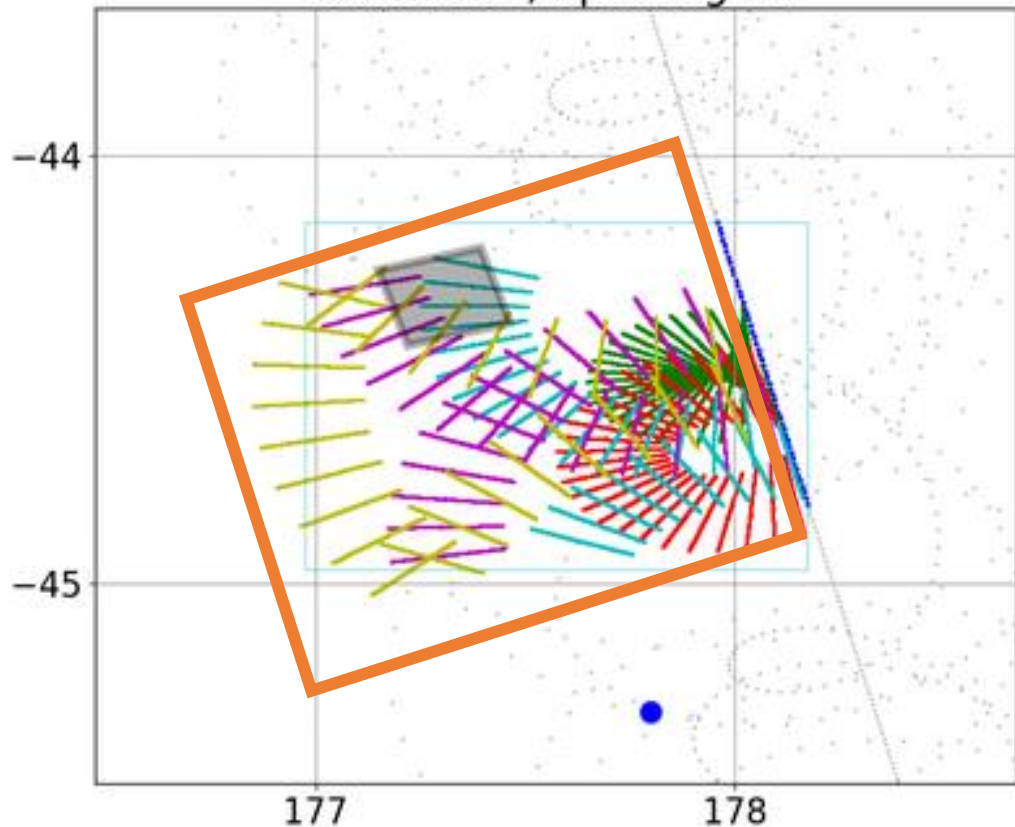
✓ Nadir and Off nadir

✓ Models



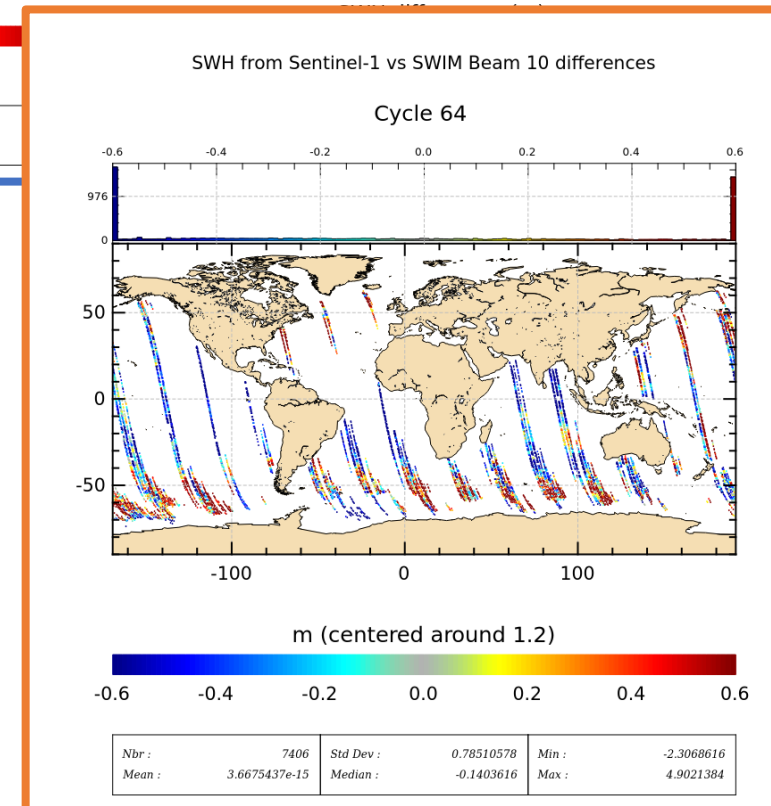
# Lots of crossover points

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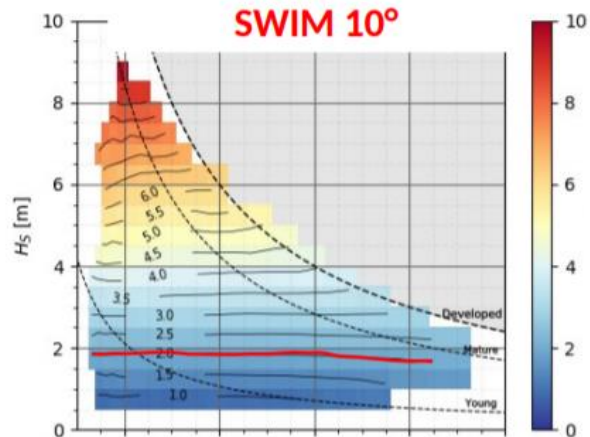
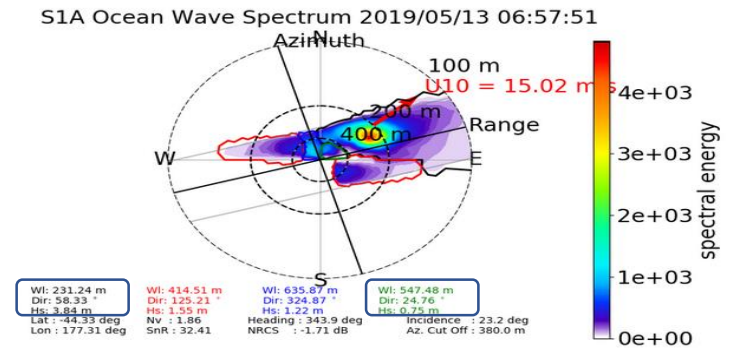
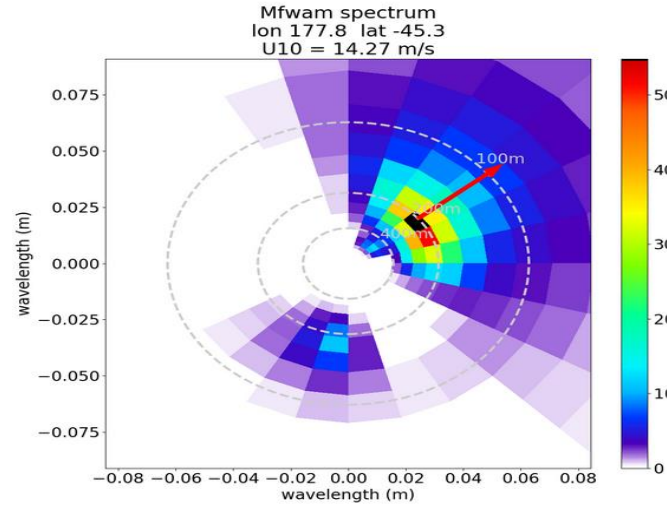
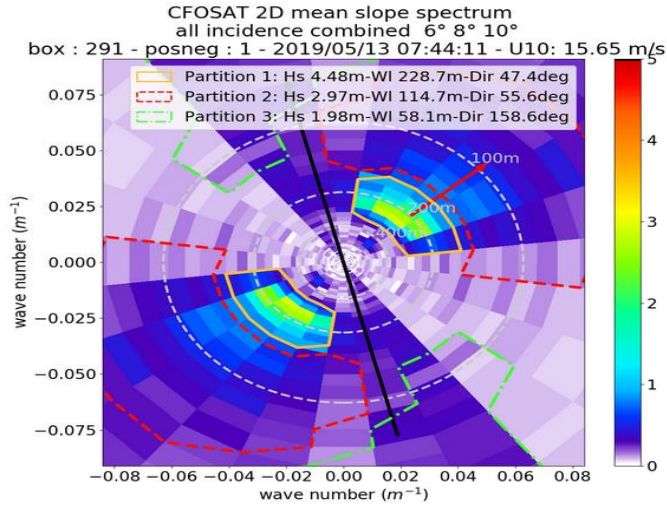


Significant crossover zones  
(less than 3h) with:

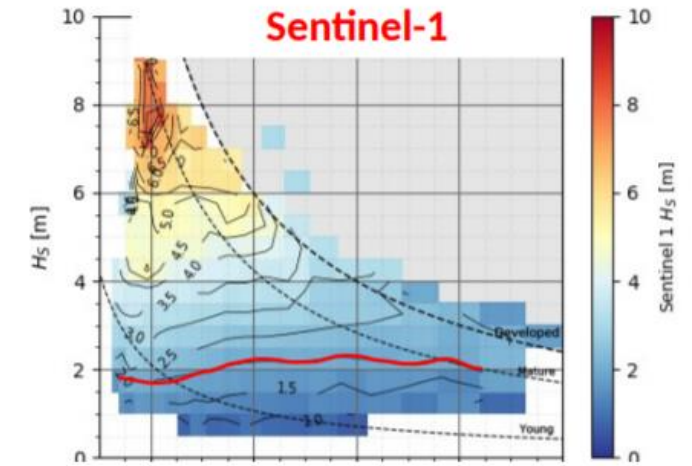
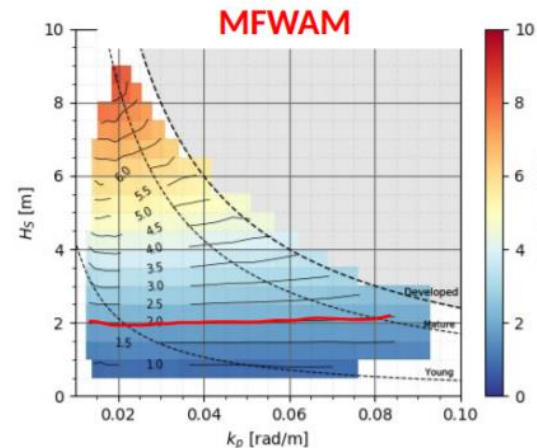
- ✓ Other nadir missions
- ✓ Sentinel1 A and B



# Studies and bias estimation between SWIM Sentinel1 and WAM



$dk\langle E(k) \rangle$  Compliant with mean 2D spectra



For CCI ...



Depending on the CCI users needs, further work needed:

- ✓ Compute biases between SWIM and the referenced CCI dataset
- ✓ Analyse the crossover datasets
- ✓ ... TBD

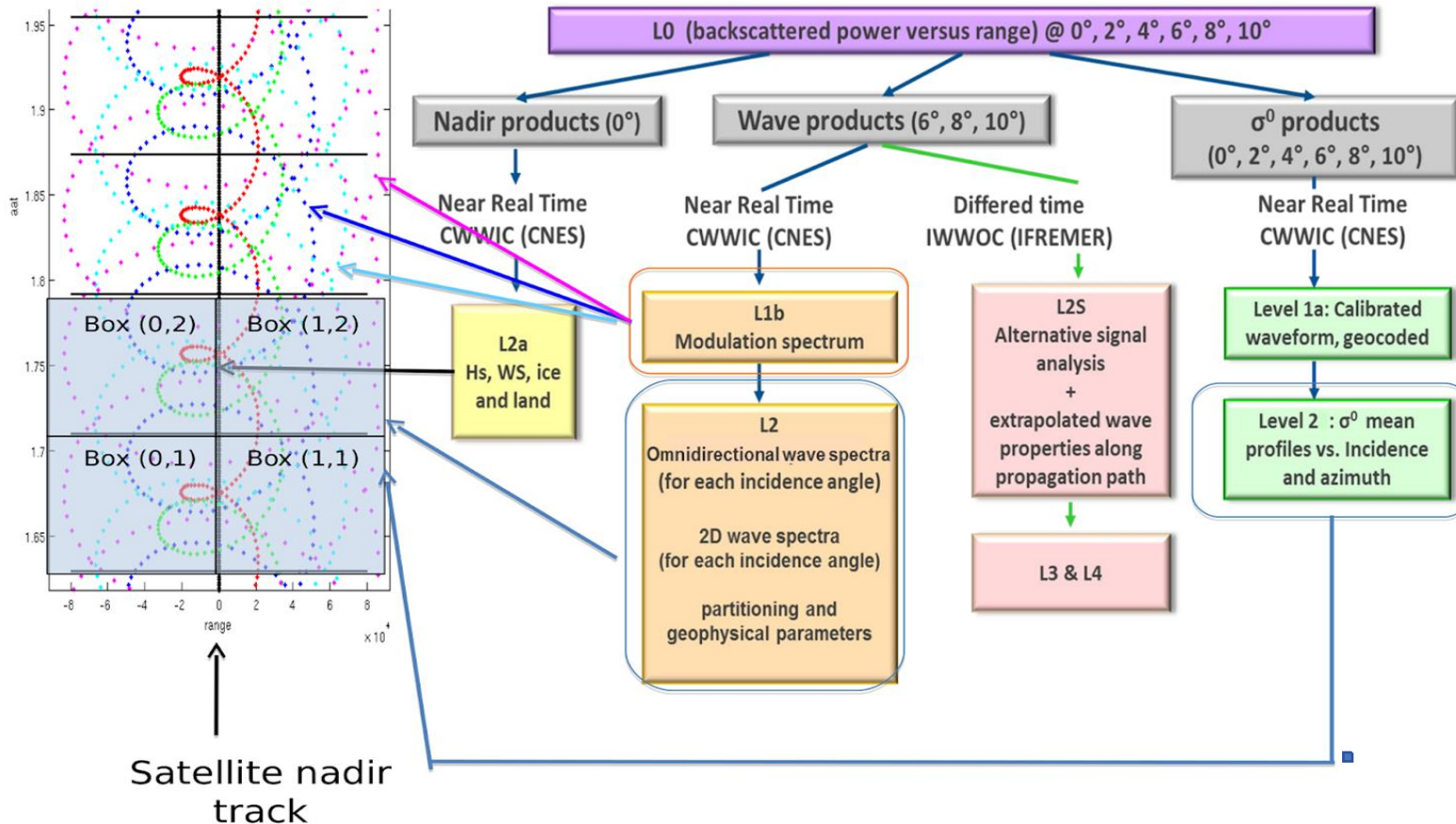
Possibility to :

1. Use the current dataset available for expert users or
2. Use dedicated application products and rely on the calval group



# L0-L2 products: exhaustive for experts studies

## Data products



SWIM products are complex because:

- The mission is innovative
- The different levels of the ground segment are often updated to get improved

→ Need to be exhaustive, with many expert fields.

# L2P: Simplified products

## L2 products contain:

- 159 fields
- More than 40 flags
- 12 types of spectrum:
  - › 2D slope and modulation spectrum
  - › 1D omnidirectional slope spectrum integrated over all azimuth
  - › All of them declined for beam 6, 8, 10, and combined
- 9 types of wave estimation
  - › 5 for nadir (1hz,nsec,native,nbox,models)
  - › 12 for off nadir (each beam+combined x3 partitions,models)



## L2P products contain:

- Less than 12 fields
- 1 or 2 flags
- 1 type of spectrum
- 1 types of nadir Hs
- 4 types of wave estimation
  - › 1 for total spectrum
  - › 3 for the partitions



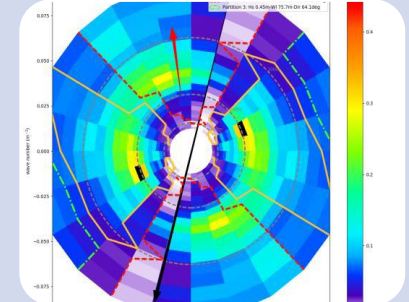
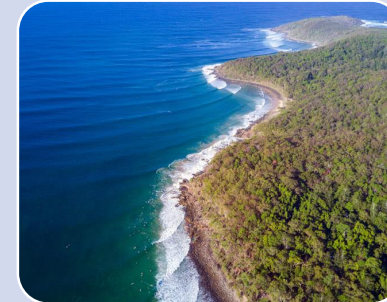
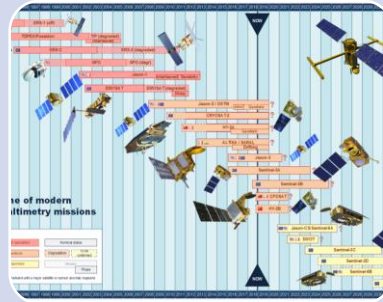
# L2P: simplified products for application studies



Calval group works at qualification of the mission with these products in order to find out :

The best usefull fields adapted for different application users, at a given step of the calval studies.

## The current work streams

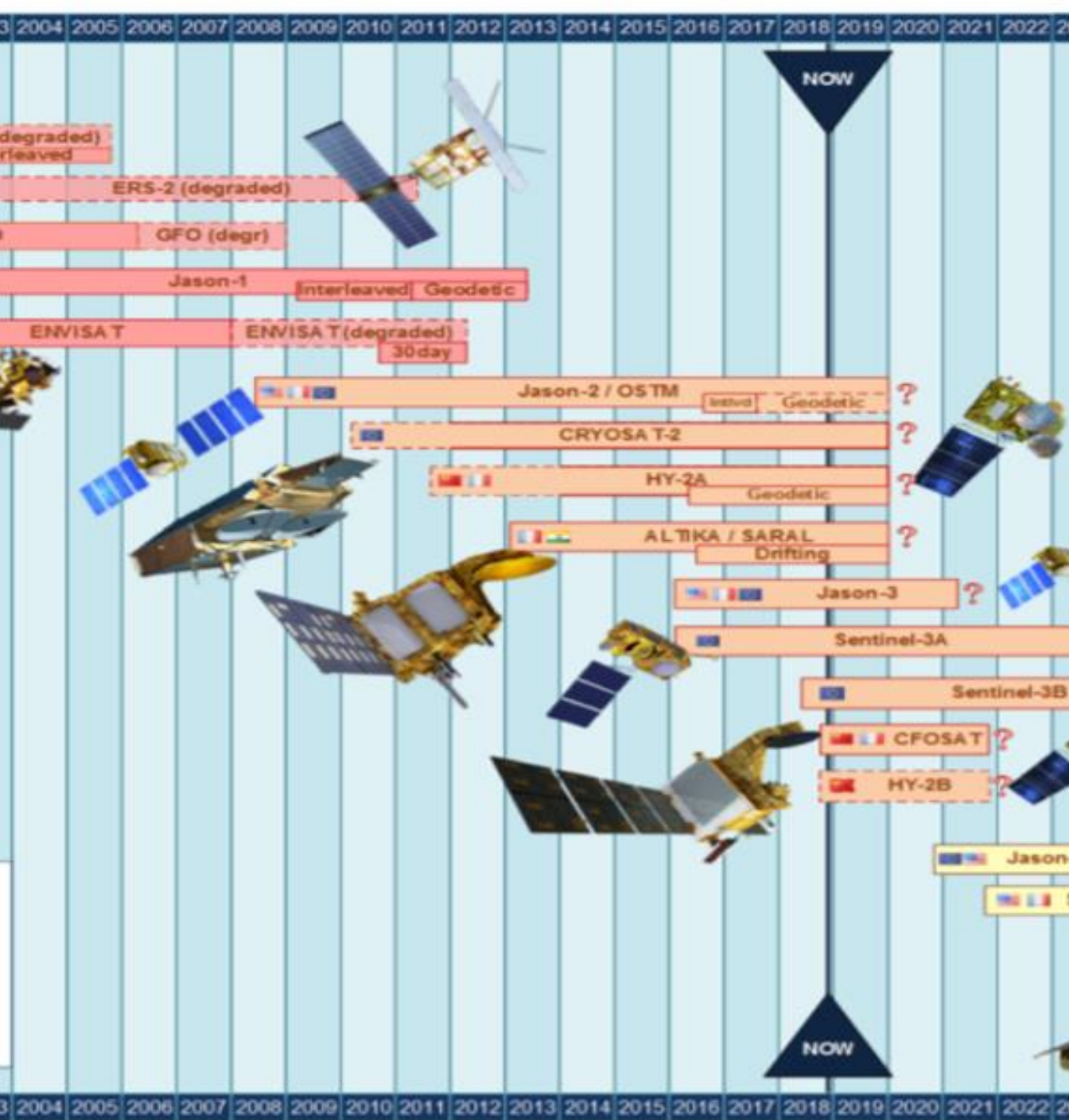


Nadir 1Hz  
for near real  
time  
computation

Nadir  
Climate  
oriented

Nadir 5Hz  
for coastal  
applications

Off nadir  
simplified



Nadir 1Hz for L3 computation

# L2P/ L3 1Hz nadir product like the others...



Level-2



Level-2P



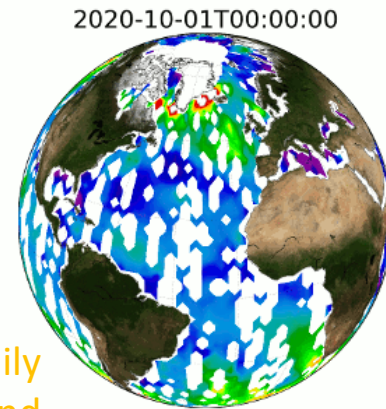
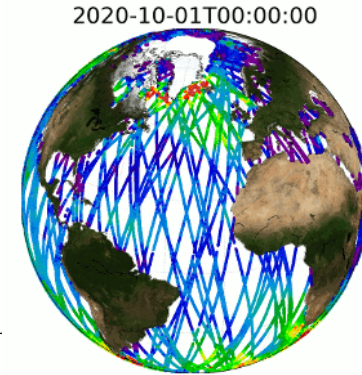
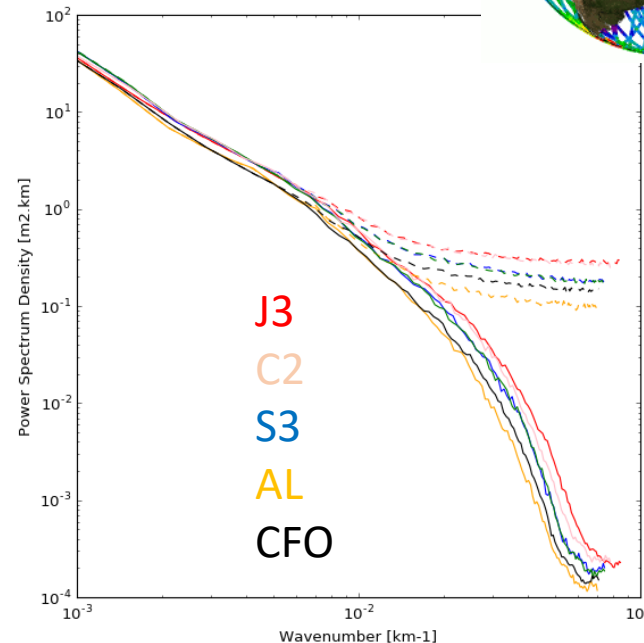
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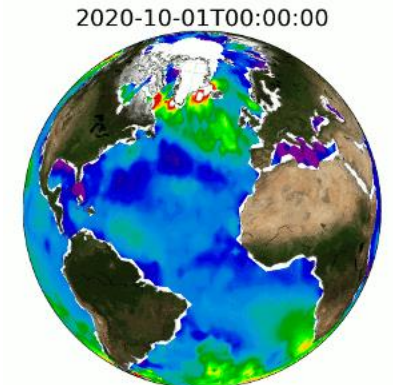
Level-4

✓ Since July 2019

- ✓ Nadir 1Hz L2P/L3 are delivered to CMEMS similarly to other nadir missions AltiKa, Jason3, HY2B, S3...
- ✓ The high frequency and noise is reduced thanks to the Quilfen et al. EMD method.



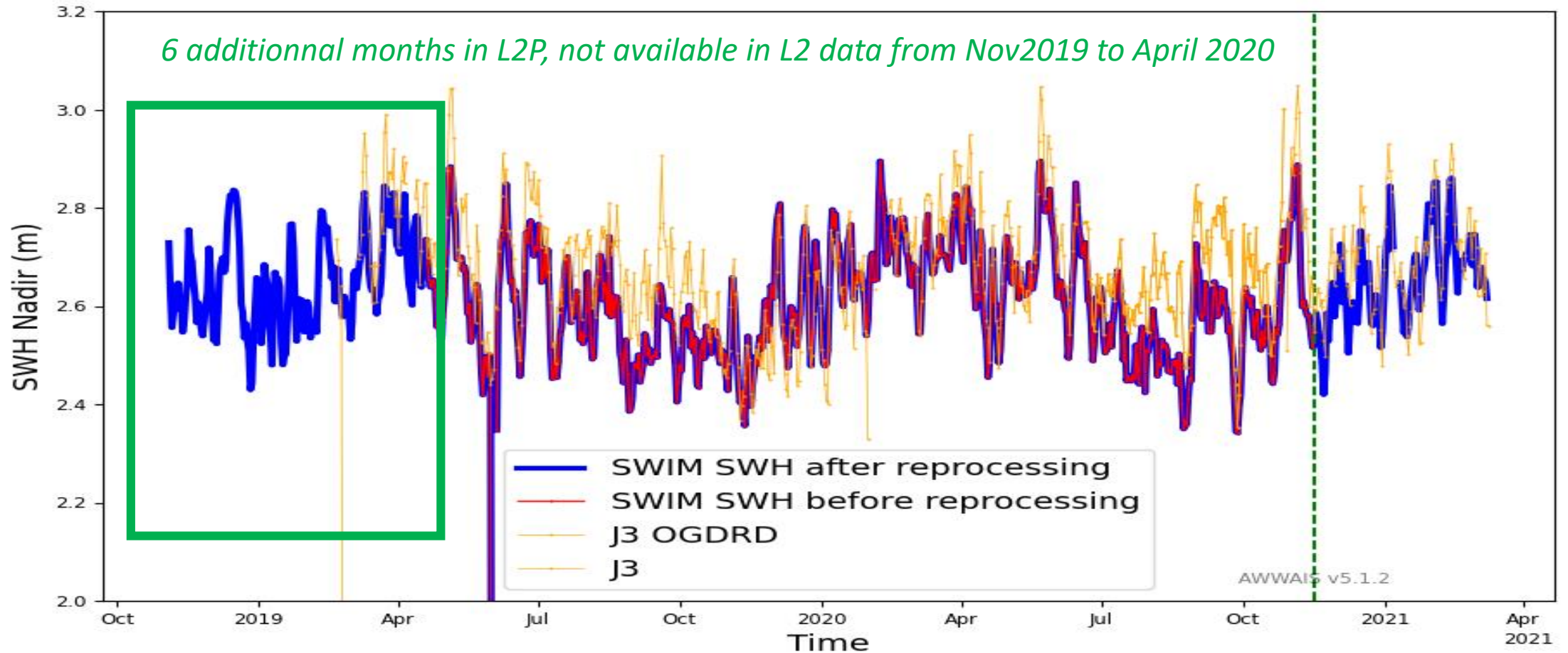
Daily and Instantaneous gridded fields



For CCI, possibility to enlarge the duration of 6months



24h average SWH Nadir (SWIM-L2 Tables, and J3)



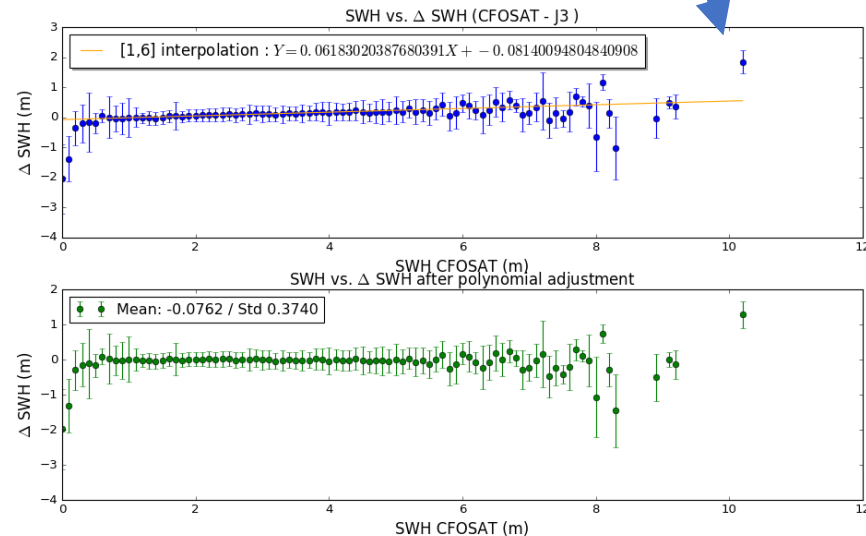
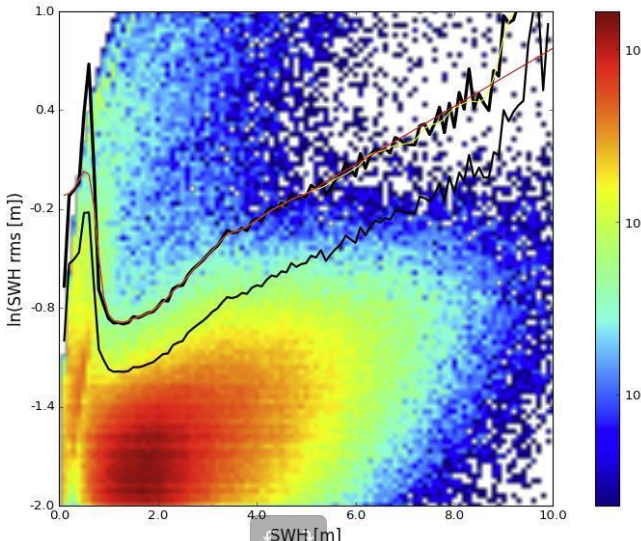
# Usually in the CMEMS



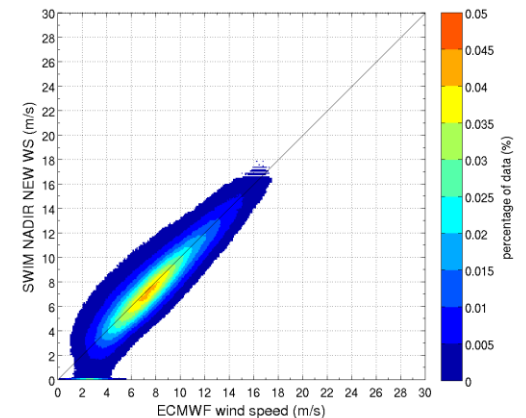
- ✓ Easy comparison to other nadir missions:
- ✓ Provided in near real time (3h) and with a 1Hz sampling
- ✓ Based on a selection of valid data from quality criteria (based on Queffelec 2018),
- ✓ And bias alignment to buoys networks via an intermediate abacus (based on crossover bias reduction) to fit to J3 mission (GDR retracking)

L2P products contain:

- ❑ Less than 12 fields
- ❑ A validation flag
- ❑ 1Hz nadir SWH data
- ❑ 1Hz nadir sig0 derived wind
- ❑ The abacus to fit to J3 mission
- ❑ The abacus to fit to the buoys



Wind inversion model (Collard et al. [2005]) computed over 6 months

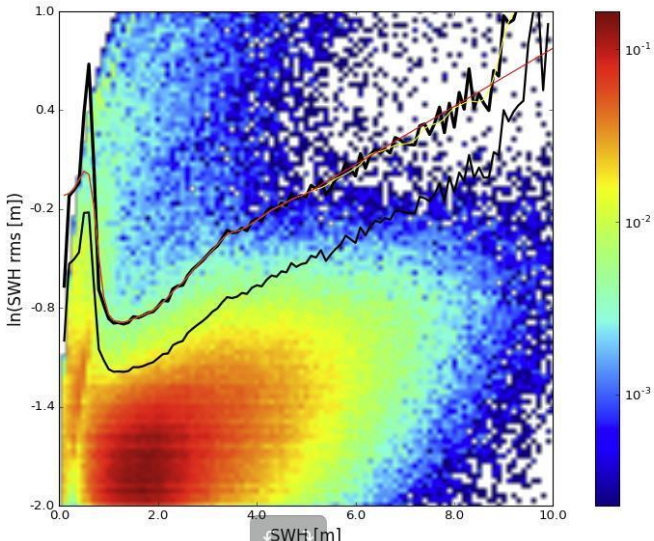


# For CCI needs...

- ✓ Further work needed:
- ✓ Could be provided **off line** and with a 1Hz sampling (**6 more months**)
- ✓ Based on a selection of valid data from quality criteria (based on Queffellou 2018),
- ✓ Necessary to get from CCI project the abacus adapted to the CCI retracking (ALES)

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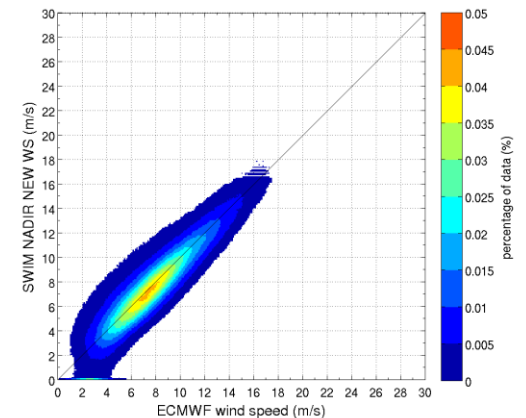


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J3 time series needed

A blue arrow points from the text 'The abacus to fit to the buoys' to this box.

*Wind inversion model (Collard et al. [2005]) computed over one year (Tran 2021)*







# Nadir 5Hz for coastal applications

# L2P/L3 5Hz: applications for strong gradient area

The logo for CFOSAT, with 'C' in red, 'FOS' in blue, and 'AT' in red, all in a bold sans-serif font. A blue arc is positioned below the letters, and a small yellow satellite antenna icon is above the 'A'.

✓ Planned for July 2021

✓ For high frequency and coastal studies studies:

✓ To take advantage of the very small noise on nadir data (see Tourain et al. 2021)

✓ A dedicated validation flag will be derived with a close look at:

✓ Coastal areas

✓ High variability areas (strong currents, Ardhuin et al...)

✓ This dataset will be proposed to compute L3 demonstration product for CMEMS internal users

✓ It could improve potential future coastal HF modeling (see Alice Dalphinet (MeteoFrance) work)

L2P products contain:

Less than 12 fields

A validation flag

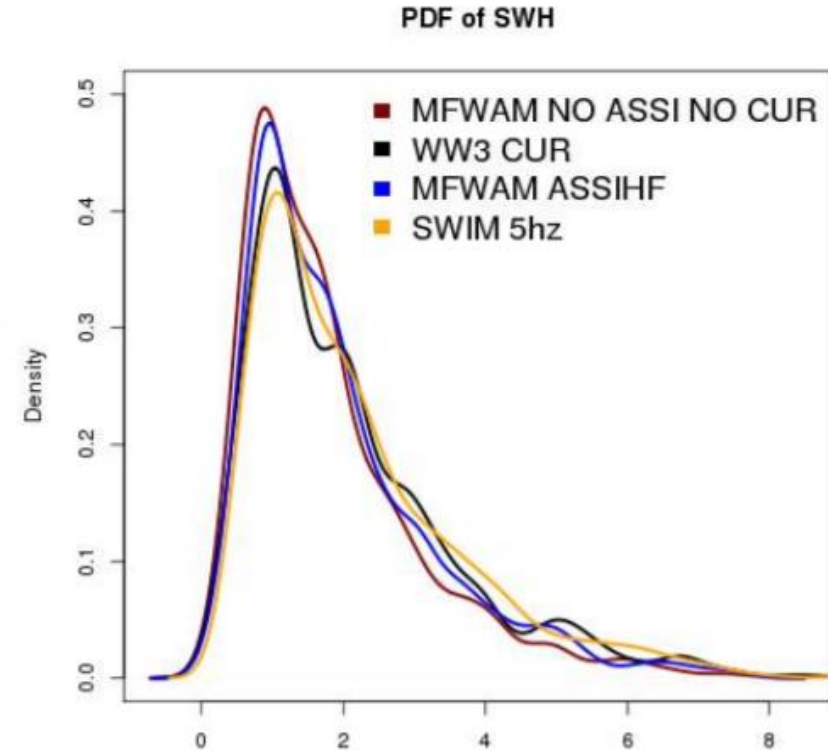
5Hz nadir SWH data

5Hz nadir sig0 derived wind



## Conclusion

- Slight but positive impact of the assimilation of high resolution data rather than 1hz data in regional wave model (0,05° and less)
- Better and finer possibility of filtering, particularly relevant nearshore
- Good agreement with HR coastal model, in shallow water and high currents area
- Perspectives to use 5hz data in the assimilation of regional models and for the validation of coastal model

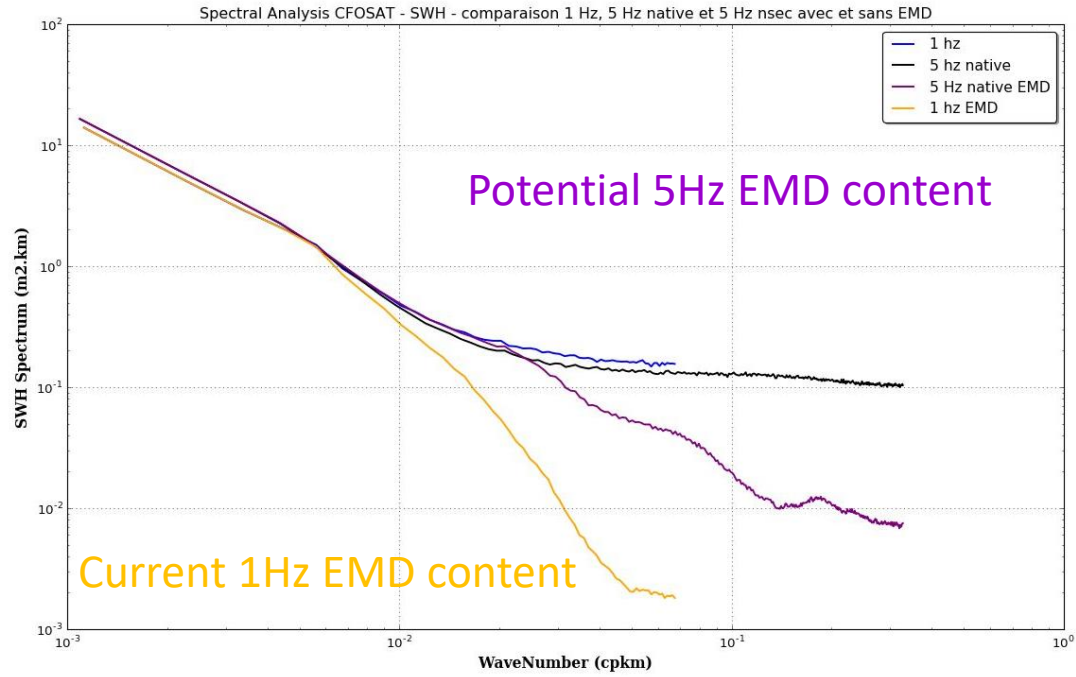


For good regional wave simulations :  
- need of currents forcing  
- need of high resolution altimeter data

# For CCI further needs...



- ✓ Coastal areas, high frequency resolution can also be of interest for climat
- ✓ Would need a comparison with other missions with the same adaptive processing or low noise processing (including LR-RMC for S3)
- ✓ Additionnal 20Hz → 5Hz compression...

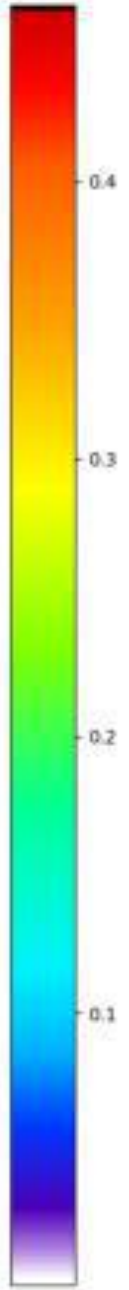
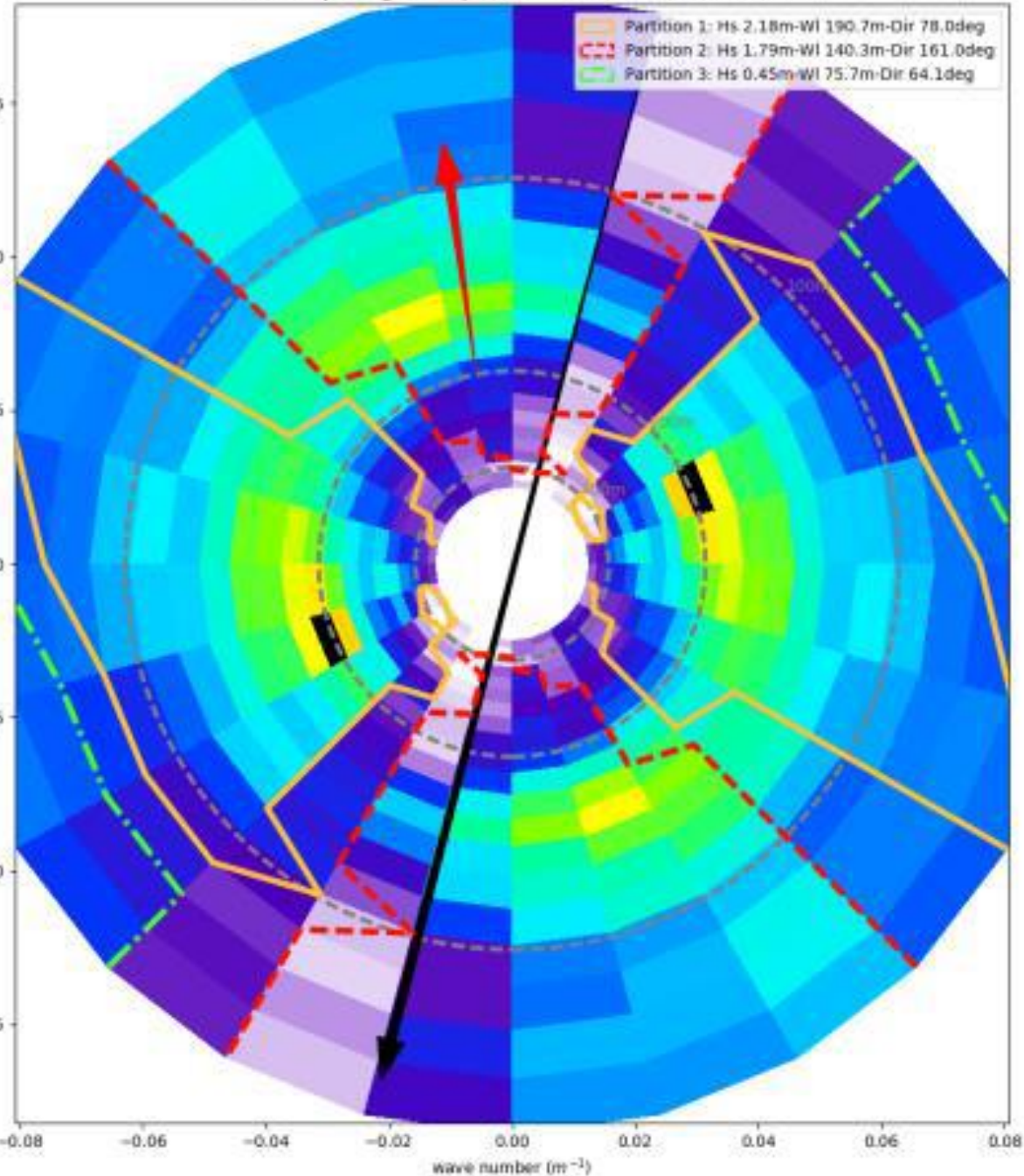


L2P products contain:

- Less than 12 fields
- A validation flag
- 5Hz nadir SWH data
- 5Hz nadir sig0 derived wind

- ✓ Apparently possible to apply the EMD filtering (Quilfen and Chapron 2019) as well, further work needed, on going

CFOSAT 2D mean slope spectrum  
box : 217 - posneg : 0 - repartitioned beam 10 - U10: 7.97 m/s



**OFF-Nadir  
simplified  
products**

# L2P: OFF-Nadir simplified products



✓ V0 Planned for March 2021

✓ For user friendly look at off nadir:

✓ SWIM 2D Spectrum

✓ The associated wave parameters: (Hs, Direction, Wavelength)

✓ A dedicated validation flag to be confident in :

✓ The spectrum

✓ The partitions

✓ This version is a sub ensemble of the L2 dataset.

✓ Based on calval studies (See Hauser, Aouf, Peureux... talks in ST meeting)  
the chosen spectrum is the Beam10 which shows better behaviors.

L2P products contain:

Less than 12 fields

1 Valid spectrum flags

1 valid partition flag

1 type of spectrum

1 types of nadir Hs (nbox)

4 types of wave estimation

› 1 for total spectrum

› 3 for the partitions

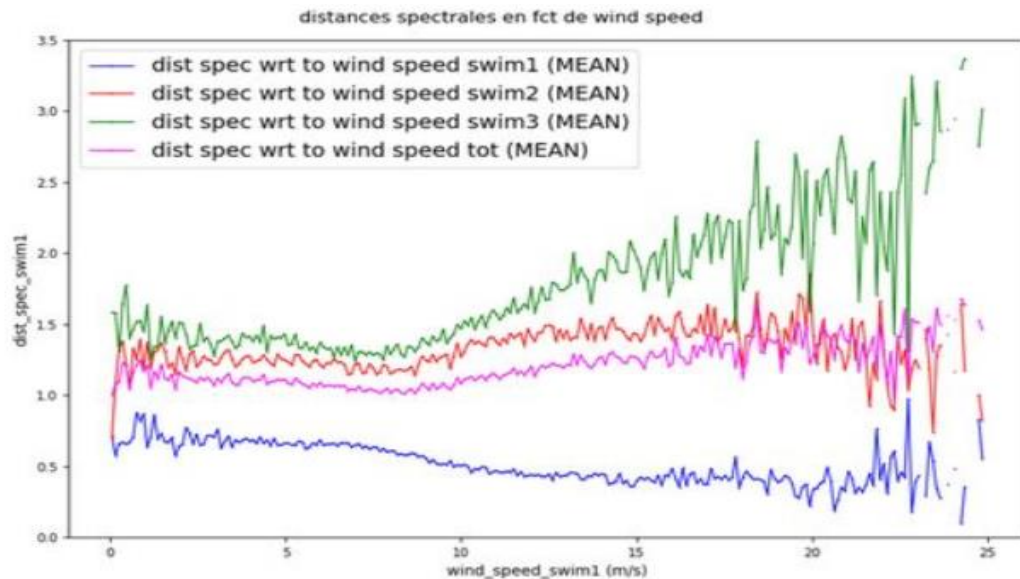
1 type of nadir Wind (nbox)

# L2P: OFF-Nadir simplified products

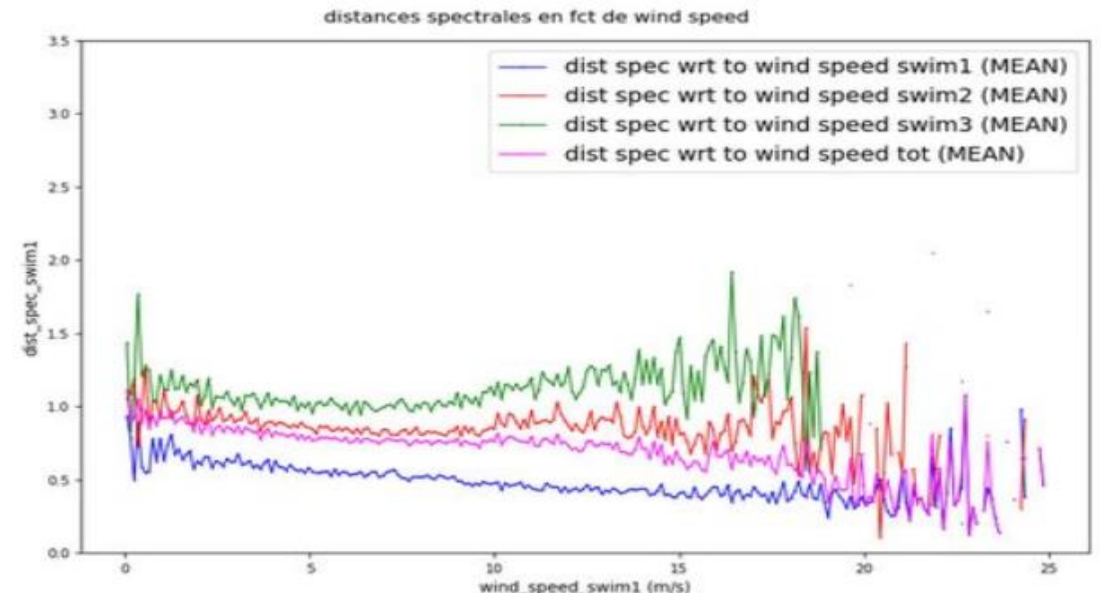


- ✓ V1: Potential evolutions (under validation)
- ✓ Studies are ongoing to propose an improved partitioning of the spectrum
  - ✓ After cross-assignment, based on a minimisation of the spectral distance
  - ✓ Preliminary results are promising to be more consistent with WAM model

Blue -> partition swim 1 ; Red -> partition swim 2 ; Green -> partition swim 3



L2 Data

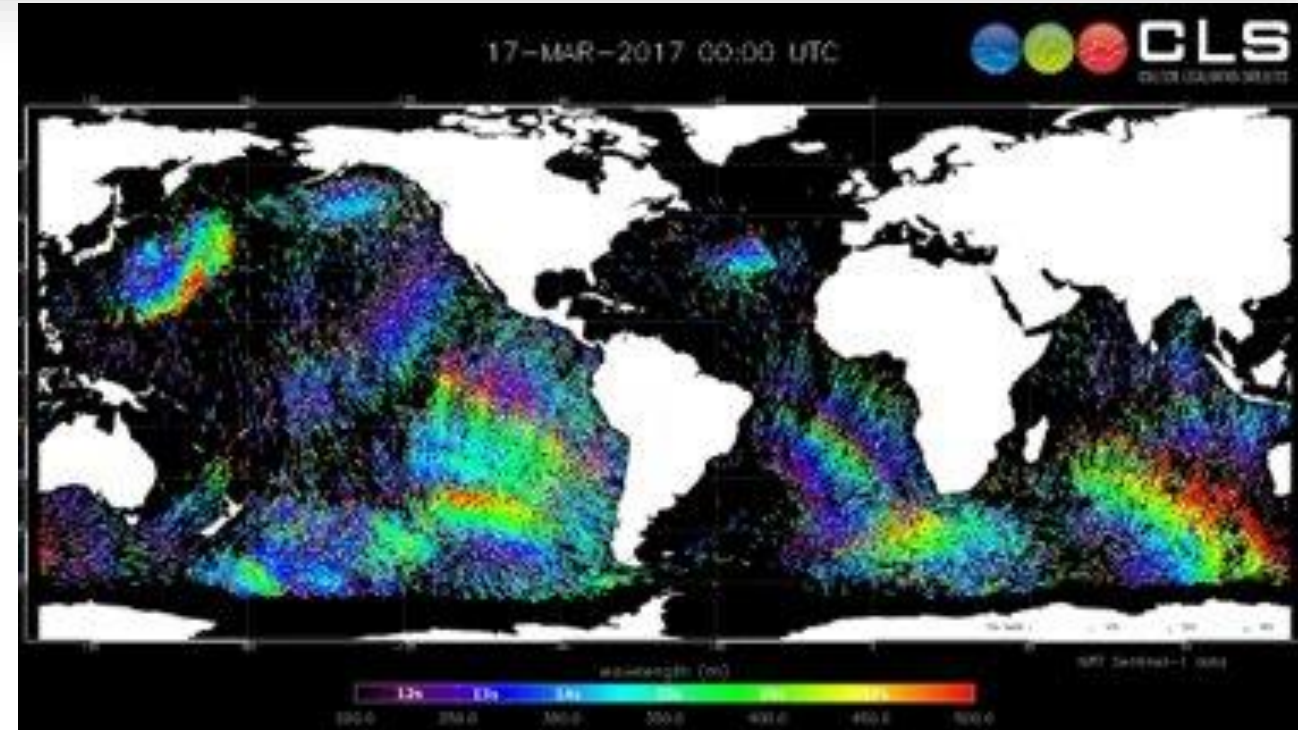


L2P Data

## L2P: OFF-Nadir simplified products for L3



- ✓ These dataset will be proposed to compute L3 demonstration product for CMEMS internal users (fireworks)
- ✓ Depending on calval studies and users returns, it could be improved until its introduction in the official catalogue in November 2021



- ✓ Several improvements are under analysis and could be added to the product in particular, an improved new partitioning method
- ✓ These data will be compliant with Sentinel-1 products available on CMEMS
- ✓ The validation and comparisons to this mission are on going





## CFOSAT L2P products: Have a try!

CFOSAT

- ✓ Offering the CalVal Team progress to the largest community
- ✓ Best current solutions elected by the calval team,
- ✓ Best data selection, thanks to a « all in one » quality flag
- ✓ Application oriented
- ✓ Homogeneous to other missions:
  - ✓ Nadir constellation Hs and wind
  - ✓ Off nadir Sentinel One / Wave Models compliant
- ✓ User friendly:
  - ✓ We answer your questions and claims via Aviso web site



<https://www.aviso.altimetry.fr/en/missions/current-missions/cfosat/access-to-data.html>

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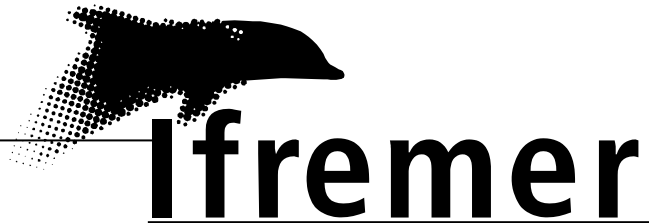


# The Team

CFOSAT

CaSyS = Systematic Caval for SWIM team, part of SALP project supported by CNES to:

- ✓ Provide on the flow and long term analysis
- ✓ Manage the reprocessing validation
- ✓ Work on the L1B, L2 prototype chains
- ✓ Promote and valorise CFOSAT products
- ✓ Be part of all project caval discussions jointly with:



# Distribution expected calendar

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## Off nadir products.

February 2021:  
V0 L2P Off  
nadir

May 2021: V1  
Off nadir with  
new partitions

November  
2021: V1  
With future  
improvements

## Nadir products.

July 2019:  
V0 1Hz  
nadir L2P

February  
2021: V0  
1Hz climat  
reprocessed  
time series  
from April  
2019

July 2021:  
V1 1Hz  
Climate  
longer time  
series from  
Nov 2018  
with CCI  
compliance

November  
2021: V0  
5Hz Coastal  
nadir L2P

